

# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS



## Department of Agricultural Resources

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### 2016 Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Program Application for Participation

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**To:** Massachusetts Dairy Farmers  
**From:** Catherine de Ronde, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR)  
**Subject:** 2016 Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Program  
**Date:** November 18, 2016

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Enclosed please find the required paperwork that must be submitted for you to be eligible for the 2016 Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Program. The Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Program offers registered Massachusetts dairy farms a state income tax credit based on production for any month in which the farm price of milk falls below a trigger price. The program was implemented to offset the cyclical downturns in milk prices paid to dairy farms. Eligible dairy farmers wishing to participate in the Program must complete and submit the **Disclosure Statement** as provided. The Disclosure Statement includes the following information:

- ☐ Taxpayer identification information
- ☐ Shareholder information (if applicable)
- ☐ Production Report
- ☐ Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Certificate of Compliance

Last year's emergency regulations have been promulgated as final. For more information and to view the regulation, please visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/animal-health/dairy/dairy-farmer-tax-credit-program-generic.html>

**Please return the Disclosure Statement as soon as possible. All paperwork must be received by MDAR no later than December 23, 2016\*. If paperwork is not submitted by that time, we will assume you do NOT wish to participate in the 2016 Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Program and you will be ineligible to receive the 2016 Dairy Tax Credit.**

***\*Dairy Farms marketing their milk privately (producer-dealers, raw milk, other) must submit an additional Production Report to MDAR no later than January 15, 2017, that includes November, December, and total annual production.***

Completed Disclosure Statements and questions should be directed to:

**Catherine de Ronde**  
Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources  
Attn: Massachusetts Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Program  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500  
Boston, MA 02114  
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### 2016 Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Disclosure Statement Taxpayer Identification Information

Applicant Information	
Name: _____	Farm Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____	E-mail: _____
Applicant Taxpayer Information	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor	<input type="checkbox"/> C-Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S-Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other Entity _____
Social Security Number (SSN): _____ (Sole Proprietor <b>Must</b> include SS#)	
Individual Taxpayer ID Number (TIN): _____	
Dairy Information	
Certificate of Registration Number: _____ (Issued by Massachusetts Dept. of Ag. Resources)	Producer Number(s): _____
Signature	
<p><b>I hereby disclose the following:</b></p> <p>I held a Certificate of Registration pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 94, § 16A at some time during 2016. I authorize the Department of Agricultural Resources to examine all records necessary to verify the information set forth in this disclosure statement. By signing this Disclosure Statement, I claim to be eligible pursuant to M.G.L. c. 62, §6(o) (1)-(4), and M.G.L. c.63, §38Z.</p> <p>I acknowledge that participation is subject to M.G.L. c. 144, Section 60 and that it is my responsibility to ensure all payments owed to the Department of Unemployment Assistance, if owed, are made. I further acknowledge that a Certificate of Compliance must be obtained and filed with MDAR, if applicable, in order to be eligible.</p> <p>I hereby authorize the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency, the Federal Milk Market Administrator, my milk cooperative, and/or milk dealer who markets or purchases my milk to release all records and other information relating to my milk production during the calendar year 2016 to the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>, I authorize a third party to release my production records.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>, I do not authorize the release of production records. I will submit production records to the Department directly.</p> <p>I certify, under penalty of all applicable law, as to the truth, completeness, and accuracy of all information provided in or in connection with this form. I also certify that I am the authorized individual eligible to file this statement and form. By signing this Disclosure and Authorization Statement Form, I agree to all terms and conditions contained within.</p>	
Signature _____	Title/Relationship of Individual Signing _____
	Date _____





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### 2016 Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Disclosure Statement Production Report Production Report

#### Milk Marketing

How do you market your milk (check all that apply):

- ☐ Cooperative(s) or Handler(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Producer-Dealer  
☐ Raw Milk  
☐ Other

Dairy farms that market their milk through a **cooperative or handler** do NOT have to provide production information; with your signature you authorize your cooperative(s) to send your production report directly to the MDAR.

Dairy farms that market all or part of their milk privately (producer-dealer, raw milk, other) are responsible for providing monthly and annual production to the MDAR. Please complete the Production Report to the furthest date possible. Production for November, December, and a total annual production **must** be sent to the MDAR by **January 15, 2017**. If the Department does not receive your production report by January 15, 2017, missing production will not be considered in the calculation of the 2016 Tax Credit and no adjustments shall be made.

Additional Production Reports can be found online at: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/animal-health/dairy/dairy-farmer-tax-credit-program-generic.html>

#### Monthly Production

**Eligible Milk Production:** Eligible milk production includes all verifiable milk produced on the farm minus unmarketable milk, e.g. three-out-of-five, positive for antibiotics, or milk produced under a suspended or revoked Certificate of Registration. For milk marketed to someone other than a cooperative or milk handler, please provide documents verifying marketable milk. Complete the milk production schedule below or attach a separate sheet showing the same information.

Calendar Year 2016	Cooperative	On-Farm	Other	Total Monthly Production
January				
February				
March				
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
<b>Total</b>				

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## 2016 Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Disclosure Statement

### Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Certificate of Compliance

Effective March 24, 2015, a statutory change in M.G.L. Chapter 144, Section 60 creates a new certification requirement for employers seeking certain tax credits in excess of \$5,000. **Farms receiving a Dairy Farmer Tax Credit of more than \$5,000 must provide a Certificate of Compliance from the Department of Unemployment Assistance to the Department of Agricultural Resources** as part of the approval process for participation in the 2016 Dairy Farmer Tax Credit Program. Please note that even if your farm does not pay unemployment, the farm must still generate a Certificate by registering with DUA as "Non-Liable".

Farms must generate a Certificate of Compliance directly from DUA online. If there is no outstanding debt on the account, a Certificate of Compliance will be issued. If, however, there is outstanding debt, a Certificate of Compliance will not be granted until such debt is resolved.

#### How to generate a DUA Certificate of Compliance:

- ☐ Visit the following website: <http://www.mass.gov/lwd/unemployment-insur/>
- ☐ Click on the orange button: "UI Online for Employers & Agents"
- ☐ Click on the orange button: "Employer Login"
- ☐ Enter your User ID and Password
  - This is the same User ID and Password you used last year. If you do not have a User ID and/or Password or if you have difficulty logging in or navigating the website, you must call the **Department of Unemployment Assistance at (617) 626-5750**.
- ☐ Once logged in, follow these steps:
  - Click "Payment Information" (lower right corner of the screen)
    - Click "Request Employer Certificate of Compliance" (lower right corner of screen)
      - Click the blue button: "Request"
- ☐ Print DUA Certificate of Compliance, attach and return with your completed Disclosure Statement.

#### Send completed forms to:

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